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SUBJ: REQUIREMENT FOR MALAYSIAN VISAS IN OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC
PASSPORTS FOR PERSONNEL COMING TO MALAYSIA ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY: CONTRARY TO INFORMATION THAT MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE BY
MALAYSIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND CONSULAR POSTS IN U.S.,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMS THAT ALL PERSONS ENTERING
MALAYSIA ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, WHO ARE TRAVELLING WITH OFFICIAL
OR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, REQUIRE A VISA TO ENTER MALAYSIA.

1. BECAUSE OF A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THE EMBASSY
WITH GOM MFA AND IMMIGRATION ON USG PERSONNEL ENTERING MALAYSIA
WITHOUT VISAS, EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH PRINCIPAL
ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN CONSULAR AND COMMUNICATIONS, IN EFFORT TO
ELIMINATE FUTURE PROBLEMS.

2. WHEN TOLD THAT MALAYSIAN EMBASSIES HAD INFORMED AMERICAN
PERSONNEL THAT NO VISA WAS NECESSARY FOR A PARTICULAR VISIT,
MRS. ZAIBEDAH INDICATED THAT THIS WAS DUE TO A MISINTERPRETATION
OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARTIAL VISA ABOLITION AGREEMENT, IN FORCE
BETWEEN GOM AND OUR GOVERNMENT SINCE 15 NOVEMBER 1974. SHE SAID
THAT WHILE THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR HOLDERS OF VALID AMERICAN
PASSPORTS TO ENTER MALAYSIA WITHOUT VISA FOR VISITS OF A SOCIAL
OR TEMPORARY NATURE, IT INEVITABLY FOLLOWS THAT AMERICANS WISHING
TO ENTER MALAYSIA FOR PURPOSES OF EMPLOYMENT EVEN UNDER DIPLOMATIC
OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS ON ASSIGNMENT, REQUIRE A VISA PRIOR TO ENTRY
INTO MALAYSIA. SHE STATED THAT THE MISINTERPRETATION OF THE PHRASE
"VISIT OF A TEMPORARY NATURE," OFTEN CONFUSING IT WITH VISITS FOR
PURPOSES OF EMPLOYMENT (EVEN THOUGH TEMPORARY) BY HOLDERS OF
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OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, WAS THE MAIN CAUSE OF THE

INFORMATION PASSED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND PERSONNEL BY THE
MALAYSIAN MISSIONS ABROAD.

3. MRS. ZAIBEDAH AGREED TO CIRCULARIZE THE MALAYSIAN MISSIONS
TO INFORM THEM AS INDICATED ABOVE THAT HOLDERS OF OFFICIAL AND
DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS WHO PLAN TO TRAVEL TO MALAYSIA ON OFFICIAL
BUSINESS REQUIRE A VISA PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO MALAYSIA NO MATTER THE
ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF STAY.

4. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT A MALAYSIAN VISA BE OBTAINED IN ALL
OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS OF PERSONNEL TRAVELLING TO
MALAYSIA.
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